



### Executive Corner

Dear MANS Member Schools, Staff, Colleagues, and Friends:

“Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.” – Franklin D. Roosevelt

“It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.” — Winston Churchill, on the floor of Parliament in November 1947.

Timeless quotes about the importance of making sure your voice is heard ... it is of utmost importance that you exercise your civic duty and vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>. It is a great lesson for students when the adults in their lives take the time to vote in elections. We are fortunate to live in a participatory democracy and should never take for granted the opportunity we have to shape public policy and the law.

Faith-based and other private schools received some positive news a few weeks ago when the Michigan Court of Appeals (COA) overturned an earlier ruling by the Court of Claims that held that reimbursements to private schools for state health and safety mandates were unconstitutional.

The COA remanded the case back to the Court of Claims and required it to look at each health and safety mandate individually to see if it passed a three part test, and if it did, then reimbursing schools for the time and effort in compliance is within the confines of Michigan’s Constitution and therefore allowable. That three part test looks like this for each individual mandate:

- **at most, merely incidental to teaching and providing educational services to private school students (non-instructional in nature),**
- **does not constitute a primary function or element necessary for a nonpublic school to exist, operate, and survive**
- **does not involve or result in excessive religious entanglement.**

There is still an opportunity for the Plaintiffs in this case to appeal the COA decision to the Michigan Supreme Court. The COA ruling is a major victory for private schools in Michigan as it provides a framework or guidance for future courts to use when analyzing

whether a legislative appropriation for nonpublic schools is legitimate.

Sincerely,



MANS Executive Director

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## 2018 MANS Education Conference and Expo

Thank you to all participants who joined us in Grand Rapids for the 2018 MANS Education Conference and Expo! Our time was filled with valuable networking, informative sectionals, motivational keynotes and the rich spirit of Christ.



Did you forget to complete the evaluation? Did you want to print sectional handouts? Did you want to connect with some of our exhibitors? The web-based mobile app is still available [here](#).

We have a number of items that were found at the conference. If you lost something at the conference contact [Shelley Long](#) to see if it was returned to lost and found.

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## Advocacy

### Federal News

#### 2019 Blue Ribbon Schools Pre-Registration

The pre-registration for the private school application process for the 2019 National Blue Ribbon Schools is now available. Schools interested in applying should fill out the pre-registration form by **November 6, 2018**.

[Learn More](#)

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#### National School Choice Week

The Michigan Association of Non-public Schools is pleased to be partnering with the **National School Choice** network for its 2019 advocacy efforts. Join us in celebrating educational innovation and opportunity in Michigan on **Wednesday, January 23, 2019** at the Michigan State Capitol. Student displays, performances and testimonials will showcase the value Michigan families receive when they exercise choice to meet their educational needs.

The Michigan Association of Non-public Schools and the Michigan Catholic Conference is looking for a student or parent who is willing to share their story of the importance faith-based schools has played in their life. Please contact [Brian Broderick](#) or [Paul Stankewitz](#) for more information.

[Learn More](#)

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## American Federation for Children - Become a Voice for Choice

The American Federation for Children has kicked off a campaign to grow their collection of private school choice success stories. Every qualified individual, a current student, graduate, or parent/guardian, who submits his or her story will be entered to win a \$500 scholarship or a trip to Washington D.C. to meet other school choice alumni and policymakers.

[Learn More](#)

### State News

#### Title Program Allocations

The Michigan Department of Education has released the final title program allocations for 2018-19. Schools can search for their LEA and see the amount allocated to the non-public school using the link below.

[Program Allocations](#)

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#### Food Service Administrative Memos

The Food Service Administration has released a number of memos at the beginning of the school year regarding the National School Lunch Program and National Breakfast Program.

- [Memo No. 5 - Verification of Eligibility for School Meals](#)
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#### Michigan Graduated Driver Licensing Parent Checklist

The Michigan Department of State is requesting that Michigan schools assist in distributing the Michigan Graduated Driver Licensing Parent Checklist as a free resource intended to assist parents or legal guardians of teens with understanding and following the steps of Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL).

[Learn More](#)

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## Professional Development

### MANS Events

#### Save the Date - MANS Public Policy Day - March 14, 2019

Registration for the 2019 MANS Public Policy Day will soon be open. Be sure to join your colleagues from across the state as we grapple with educational policy issues that impact faith-based schools.

Don't miss this important day!



### MESC Offerings

These events are offered at a significant discount exclusively to non-public school.



## NWEA - Applying Reports

Gather with other non-public school educators for a day of learning ways to apply your NWEA reports to student growth. You will learn how to:

- Access, interpret, and apply key MAP Growth reports used by teachers and instructional coaches.
- Meet individual student's needs by identifying targeted instructional groups based on MAP Growth goal area data.
- Boost differentiation efforts by connecting groups of students to skills in the Learning Continuum.

Choose from one of the three locations across Michigan where the Michigan Equitable Service Collaborative will be hosting this discounted professional development event.

- **November 6, 2018 - Grand Rapids, Michigan**
- **November 7, 2018 - Mount Pleasant, Michigan**
- **November 8, 2018 - Brighton, Michigan**

Event registration is \$25.00 and includes lunch. This is 75% off the regular NWEA training price.

[Click Here to Register](#)

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## Chromebook Classroom

This course will help you unlock the hidden potential of the Chromebooks in your classroom. You'll learn "secret" Chromebook tips and implement incredibly simple strategies which will help you design better lessons and work more efficiently.

Choose from one of the two locations across Michigan where the MESCC will be hosting this discounted professional development event.

- **November 15, 2018 - Escanaba, Michigan**
- **November 19, 2018 - Lansing, Michigan**

Event registration is \$25.00 and includes lunch and a Chromebook Classroom book.

[Click Here to Register](#)

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## Van Andel Education Institute - Sustained Training

The Michigan Equitable Service Collaborative is excited to partner with the Van Andel Education Institute to offer a sustained professional development event for science teachers in grades Kindergarten through 12th.



This two year training will offer teachers:

- An interactive opportunity to experience an investigation that models inquiry-based science.
- Strategies for successfully incorporating a process of scientific inquiry as well as a

- classroom culture of thinking and collaboration.
- Access to VAEI lessons aligned to standards and ready for implementation and customization.
- Easy-to-implement strategies that support the processes of scientific inquiry and engineering design, scientific habits of mind, and a rich, collaborative learning environment.
- Development of a portfolio to support inquiry-based science learning.
- Support in implementation throughout the year with individualized action plans and frequent feedback loops.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Van Andel Education Institute Sustained Training.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the year one workshops.

Register for the Kindergarten through 2nd grade training: [click here](#)

Register for the 3rd - 5th grade training: [click here](#)

Register for the 6th - 8th grade training: [click here](#)

Register for the 9th - 12th grade training: [click here](#)

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## Michigan Google Education Summit November 6, 2018 - Freeland High School MESC Discount Available for non-public schools - 75% off!

Attend this two day conference organized and run by Michigan educators, featuring unique application of Google tools in the classroom including Chromebooks, Google Drive, Blogger, Maps, and more! The MESC will subsidize the one day registration fee if you use the code "**mesc-18**". Come get inspired to use the technology you already have to promote student engagement.



[Learn More](#)

### Additional Offerings

## Michigan State University Girls' STEM Day

MSU is hosting an educational, informative, fun event on Saturday, November 17, 2018 called **Girls' STEM Day**. This event is for k-4th graders, is filled with hands-on activities, and is FREE. Registration is required and chaperones may bring up to 3 students. Registration deadline is Oct 24, or until max capacity is reached.



[Learn More](#)

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# Innovative Solutions

## Grant Opportunities



“I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

ACTS 20:35



MANS SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANT

## MANS Social Justice Grant

Teachers in MANS member schools are encouraged to apply for a 2018-19 MANS Social Justice Grant. Created as a way to honor former board member Helen Casey, the grants support classroom projects that connect service to academic and religious instruction. Service should engage students around genuine community needs while making classroom content relevant. **The deadline to submit an application is November 4, 2018.**

[Learn more](#)

## Business Partner Corner

### Michigan Virtual

#### Social-Emotional Learning & Restorative Justice Enter the Digital World

Meet Suite360 — an online character development and behavior intervention program designed by Evolution Labs. Now available through *Michigan Virtual*, this innovative program can be used by K-12 schools as a supplemental resource to foster social-emotional learning in classrooms or as standalone restorative justice program for school discipline programs, including in-school suspension (ISS).

[Learn more](#)



It was great to see so many of you at the MANS Conference.

We shared many of our resources and discovered new ways to partner with schools in Michigan.

If you missed us, or need additional information, please visit [catapultlearning.com](http://catapultlearning.com) or contact [ellen.mcgahey@catapultlearning.com](mailto:ellen.mcgahey@catapultlearning.com)

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